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I claim:

1. A method of determining a communication partner's technical address for a user, which comprises:

providing a directory that includes at least one technical address and at least one identifier for each one of a plurality of possible communication partners for a user;

based on an input from the user, obtaining at least one possible communication partner from the directory and suggesting the possible communication partner to the user; and performing at least one of the preceding steps automatically based on the user's previous communication behavior.

2. The method according to claim 1, which comprises performing the step of providing the directory by using at least one directory selected from the group consisting of a public directory, a directory used for a restricted user group, and a user-specific directory.

3. The method according to claim 1, which comprises providing the directory as a personal directory for the user.

4. The method according to claim 1, in which the step of providing a directory includes obtaining the at least one

technical address for each one of the plurality of possible communication partners by recording technical addresses of the user's previous communication partners over a predetermined period of time.

5. The method according to claim 1, in which the step of providing a directory includes:

obtaining the at least one technical address for each one of the plurality of possible communication partners by recording technical addresses of the user's previous communication partners over a predetermined period of time; and

obtaining the at least one identifier for at least one of the plurality of possible communication partners from a predetermined directory.

6. The method according to claim 1, in which the step of providing a directory includes:

obtaining the at least one technical address for each one of the plurality of possible communication partners by recording technical addresses of the user's previous communication partners over a predetermined period of time; and

requesting from the user, the at least one identifier for at least one of the plurality of possible communication partners.

7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the input from the user includes information about at least part of the at least one technical address of a desired communication partner.

8. The method according to claim 1, wherein the input from the user includes information about at least part of the at least one identifier of a desired communication partner.

9. The method according to claim 1, wherein if the input from the user is ambiguous, the suggesting step is performed based on the user's previous communication behavior.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of obtaining and suggesting at least one possible communication partner provides a plurality of suggested possible communication partners; and which further comprises selecting one of the plurality of suggested possible communication partners by obtaining a further input from the user.

11. A telecommunications apparatus for determining a technical address of a communication partner for a user, comprising:

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a device for providing a directory that includes at least one technical address and at least one identifier for each one of a plurality of possible communication partners; and

a device for suggesting at least one communication partner from the directory based on an input by a user.

12. The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said device for providing a directory operates automatically to provide the directory based on the user's previous communication behavior.

13. The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said device for suggesting at least one communication partner operates automatically with a predetermined selection strategy to suggest the at least one communication partner based on the user's previous communication behavior.

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